



VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

23. (Thrice Amended) An image input device according to claim 14, further comprising:

a mount table for laying a subject thereon, wherein said image pickup direction switch is adapted to switch the image pickup direction of said image pickup unit between a direction for picking up an image of the subject laid on said mount table and another direction[; and],

[a] wherein the storage unit is adapted to store the image signal output from said image pickup unit when the image pickup direction of said image pickup unit is the direction for picking up the subject on said mount table, and

wherein said control unit is adapted to control, at an arbitrary timing, output of the stored image signal.

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